

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 6, with the following paragraph:

--In accordance with still another mode of the invention, the biometric recognition is performed by capacitive measurement of the fingerprint, particularly, by a semiconductor array, for instance, in the form of a silicon chip. Alternatively, the recognition can be performed by the optical scanning of the finger, for instance, by a ~~CCD~~ charge-coupled device (CCD) chip or row sensor. These variants of recognition systems are provided with different modes in which, for example, a new user can be defined and "learned," that is to say, read, and so on.--